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Applicant submits herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 a listing of the documents cited by or submitted to the U.S. PTO in following parent applications: Application No. 10/050,203 filed January 16, 2002, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/893,030 filed June 27, 2001, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/621,442 filed July 21, 2000, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/365,364 filed July 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,134,718, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/127,162 filed July 31, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,009,559, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/685,820 filed July 25, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,790,987, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/373,588 filed January 17, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,539,930, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/125,342 filed September 22, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,383,236, which is a continuation of Application No. 07/798,288 filed November 25, 1991, now abandoned. As provided in 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the documents do not need to be provided since they were previously submitted to the United States Patent & Trademark

Office in the above-identified parent applications. However, because Applicant is filing herewith a Petition to Make Special, such documents are being submitted.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

### **TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

### **RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Documents 0118618 (EPO), 3304349 (Germany), and 2951827 (Germany) are not in the English language and an English translation of these foreign-language documents is not readily available.

Documents 0118618 (EPO) and 3304349 (Germany) disclose a filter sheet material consisting of an air-permeable, pliable, especially textile support which is covered only partially with a uniformly distributed adhesive on which adsorber particles, especially active carbon beads, are fixed and the use of such filter materials containing active carbon as adsorbent for protective suits.

Document 2951827 (Germany) discloses a material for protection against chemicals and short-term heating effects that is made up of an air-permeable flexible base or support layer for adsorber particles, more specially, porous ones, which are placed on support columns or hairs on at least one side of the support layer. The document further discloses

that, in a process for making the material, the adhesive composition is put on to the base or support material at separate points or dots in a viscous form and then the adsorber grains are placed on top of the composition. Then, by the action of centrifugal force or otherwise, the adsorber grains are moved upwards, away from the support layer, pulling out hairs or columns of the adhesive composition, which are then changed into a solid condition.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17; or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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